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**DR. BETH E. BARNETT APPOINTED PROVOST OF  
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

(Mahwah) – Dr. Peter Mercer, president of Ramapo College, announced the appointment of Dr. Beth E. Barnett as provost effective July 1. Barnett most recently held the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at The University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. Among her accomplishments at Scranton, Barnett provided oversight for the development of the Lehey Community Health Center, developed to provide health services to underserved populations within the university’s 10 county service region; expanded the Office for International Initiatives and Scholars, leading to increased study abroad participation and increased scholarly activities surrounding global issues; supervised the Fellowships Office and supported initiatives to increase medical school acceptances; and expanded faculty development opportunities to include grants for interdisciplinary, international, mentoring, applied learning and education for justice initiatives.

“Dr. Barnett brings to Ramapo College a range of experience and accomplishments that will complement and augment the mission of the college,” noted Dr. Mercer.

Prior to her position at The University of Scranton, she served as dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies at Salisbury University in Maryland; dean of the School of Education and Human Services and graduate program coordinator for counseling at Manhattan College in New York City; and coordinator of the master’s program in motor development at Columbia University in New York City.

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Dr. Barnett received a doctor of education degree, a master of education degree and a master of arts, all from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from the University System of Pennsylvania.

Most of her published articles have been devoted to issues concerning childhood development, with an emphasis on language skills and motor development. In addition, funded proposals include \$750,800 for Bilingual Education Training for All Teachers through the U.S. Department of Education; \$250,000 for The Baltimore City Partnership: Recruitment and Retention of Inter-City High School Students through the France-Merrick Foundation; and \$250,000 for The Teaching and Learning Center at Salisbury State University through Bell Atlantic.

Dr. Barnett is involved in numerous professional and community service organizations including the Commissioners' Committee on Arts and Education, AJCU Task Force for Academic Planning, the Steering Committee for the Governor's Conference for Woman, a board member of the Scranton Cultural Center and a member of the Advisory Group to the First Lady on Women's Issues in Pennsylvania.

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